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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
 - the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - the description:

pages 1-46 as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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 - the claims:

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 - the drawings:

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 - the claims, nos. _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-52	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-52	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-52	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document taken into consideration:

D1: WO 97/11327 A (27-03-1997)

The subject matter of the present invention, as set forth in claims 1 to 52, is novel, involves an inventive step and is industrially applicable in the light of the prior art published before the priority date.

The subject matter of the present application relates to a method (claims 1 to 23) and a device (claims 24 to 52) for rapidly cooling bottled beverages by spraying a coolant and washing water onto the surface of the bottle while it is being rotated. The spraying time is computed on the basis of the desired beverage temperature, the temperatures of the coolant and the washing water, and the time coefficient of the bottled beverage. The latter parameter can be calculated on the basis of a series of temperature measurements.

Document D1 (which is the closest prior art) describes a beverage cooling device in which a coolant is sprayed onto the surface of the beverage bottle while it is being

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rotated, which device includes a coolant collector, supply and return pipes, and a unit for controlling the coolant spraying time and the beverage rotation time (see D1, page 7, lines 5-16). The refrigerant is water at 0 °C.

The present application differs from D1 firstly in that the temperature of the coolant fluid is variable (in D1 the temperature is a set 0 °C). Furthermore, in the present application the cooling time is dependent on the time coefficient of the bottled beverage, which can be calculated using the same device, unlike in D1. Thirdly, the present application also mentions washing water with a controlled temperature and time. This feature is also absent in D1.

It follows that the subject matter of the present application is novel and involves an inventive step in the light of the closest prior art set forth in D1.